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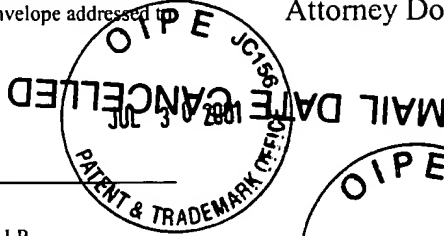
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/769,621

Filed: January 23, 2001

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR THE TREATMENT OF
ANORECTAL DISORDERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a)

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Sir:

Applicants submit a preliminary amendment and request under 35 CFR § 1.607(a) that an interference be declared between the subject application and U.S. Patent No. 6,117,877, which issued to Fogel on September 12, 2000, on a continuation-in-part application filed February 25, 1999 and claiming priority to a parent application filed on February 27, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-33 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add the following new claims 34-48 as follows:

--34. A method for treating a patient with a painful condition of the anal region associated with muscle spasm, the method comprising :